

# EXHIBIT 1-9

## Message

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**From:** Farmer, Floyd S [/O=IRMMAIL/OU=MBX SERVERS - DAL/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FSFARMER]  
**Sent:** 7/7/2017 5:59:37 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Read Ahead: Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq - Douglas Silliman  
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**Cc:** Katz, Evan C  
**Subject:** RE: Read Ahead: Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq - Douglas Silliman

See attached per your request. This was the best we could do with such short notice. Once again, I did not attach the two attachments since I never received them from the last cleared paper.

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Sam

An you merge what you all had done into the attached format? Due by 2 p

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Corey/John,

Please see below and utilize the attached template for briefing material for the upcoming meeting. Also advise if the material can be provided by COB today.

Thanks

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**From:** Solorzano, Eliman  
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Dana,

As discussed, please use the attached template to provide briefing material for Tuesday's meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq. John Schultz and Corey Katz are already aware of the meeting and should be working on briefing material.

Let me know if they can provide by **COB today**.

Thanks!

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### MEETING WITH ABASSADOR TO IRAQ

**Date and Time of Meeting** (e.g., February 26, 2015, 9:00 – 9:30 am)

**Location of Meeting** (e.g., PCN Conference Room 11018)

#### Overview:

- You will call the United States Ambassador to Iraq.
- Discuss Iraq's agreement to accept ICE Charter flights.
- Reinforce the importance of mutual cooperation between Iraq and the United States.

#### Discussion Points:

- Criminal convictions of those arrested include: homicide, rape, aggravated assault, kidnapping, burglary, drug trafficking, robbery, sex assault, sexual abuse of a minor, weapons violations and other offenses.
- All of the individuals arrested had been ordered removed by the Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review, which employs immigration judges who conduct fair and impartial hearings to determine whether an alien is removable from the United States and consider any claims for relief from removal that the alien may make.
- As of June 19, 2017, there were 1,428 Iraqi nationals in the United States with outstanding final orders of removal.

#### Hot Topics:

- Charter missions to Iraq scheduled for future dates. The number of detainees needed on each flight to make the mission cost appropriate. Iraq mentioned sending 60 a plane, this number will work for the first charter, but the number will need to be 75 for all future charter missions.
- The information on the fiscal loss is unknown; however this situation has resulted in litigation and has the potential to result in millions just in court costs and attorney fees given the class action lawsuits and other court filings.

#### Background:

- ERO has classified Iraq as being At Risk of Uncooperative (ARON) country regarding their compliance with ICE/ERO's attempts to procure travel documents (TDs) for Iraqi nationals who have been ordered removed from the U.S.
- Due to the lack of cooperation from the Iraq Embassy, Washington, D.C. on this issue, ERO and the Department of State developed a strategy to request approval for final order cases directly from Baghdad. In February 2017, ERO received confirmation from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad that Iraqi officials have approved the acceptance of a Special High Risk Charter flight containing eight Iraqi detainees. These cases were approved and were removed. On April 19, 2017, ICE successfully completed the charter flight to Iraq since 2010.



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- On March 12, 2017, the Department of State issued a cable which summarized the outcomes of a meeting between the U.S. Embassy, Baghdad and the Iraq Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). MFA informed the embassy representatives that an Iraq Inter-ministerial Committee of Deportation was formed and is comprised of representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), and the Ministry of the Interior (MoI). The Committee had identified four necessary steps for Iraq to facilitate deportation:
  - Consular access - MFA indicated that they would like to meet with those being removed at the point of embarkation from the U.S.
  - Citizenship verification- MFA indicated that the MOI would review and verify the evidence of citizenship provided by the U.S. ICE could use evidence of citizenship obtained from U.S. information systems in lieu of passports or national identity cards
  - Deportation order review- MFA indicated that the MOJ would review each deportation order in tandem with the citizenship verification process.
  - Travel document issuance- the Committee is prepared to inform the Iraqi Embassy and Consulates to provide travel documents for the 1,400 non-detained Iraqi nationals.
- On May 25, 2017, in preparation for a removal flight, ICE transmitted 280 travel document requests to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad for submission to the inter-ministerial committee of deportation. The removal flight is scheduled to arrive in Bagdad on June 29, 2017 with no more than 75 Iraqi nationals with final orders of removal on board.
- Since May 15, 2017, 213 Iraqi nationals subject to a final order of removal have entered ICE custody all but four have criminal convictions.
- A list of 280 travel document requests were submitted by ICE to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad during a period covering May 17, 2017 through June 6, 2017. After a DOS review and follow up questions regarding several cases, DOS submitted all 280 cases with a Dip note to the Iraqi MFA on June 6, 2017.
- ERO was notified on, June 21, 2017, that Iraq would not accept the charter scheduled to arrive on June 29, 2017.
- On June 22, 2017, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan temporarily stayed the removal of 114 Iraqi nationals.
- On June 26, 2017, the U.S. District Court filed a ruling expanding the June 22 order to apply to 1,144 similarly situated Iraqis with final orders nationwide.
- On July 5, 2017, the district court heard oral argument on two motions filed by plaintiffs – (1) to expedite briefing for a preliminary injunction motion and extend the temporary restraining order, and (2) to permit expedited class discovery.
- The district court granted an extension until July 24, 2017.



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**Press:**

- Closed

**Participants:**

*Internal*

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- Others TBD

**Attachments:**

- Overview of DHS engagement
- Biography

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